

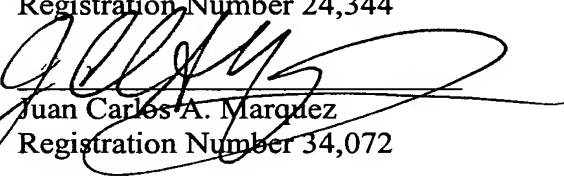
REMARKS

The above amendments to the corrected section of the Amendment in connection with the above-captioned application along with the following remarks are being submitted as a full and complete response to the Notice of Non-Complaint Amendment dated April 28, 2005. In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, the Examiner is respectfully requested to give due reconsideration to this application, to indicate the allowability of the claims, and to pass this case to issue.

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully solicited. Should there be any outstanding issues requiring discussion that would further the prosecution and allowance of the above-captioned application, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative at the address and phone number indicated below.

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